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Q. *I cannot believe that William Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court is opposed to black people patronizing drug stores in the state of Arizona. Can this possibly be true?—Robert Sanchez, Tucson, Ariz.*

A. According to TRB (pseudonymous initials used by columnist Richard Strout) in *The Los Angeles Times*, "Rehnquist testified before the Phoenix City Council in 1964 that black people should not be permitted in the drug stores of Phoenix. To be sure he was only 39 (Rehnquist is now 48) and told the Senate later he had changed his mind, for he had not understood at that time how seriously minority groups took these rights. Nobody doubts Rehnquist's ability, and if he serves as long as Douglas (33 years so far) he will be interpreting his version of civil rights in A.D. 2005."